

I respectfully request that the FCC retain the ban on cross-ownership of media, and resume its enforcement. It is essential to democracy that the press be independent of the entertainment industry, and that the number of independent investigations into any given newsworthy event be kept high. Not only is competition the most efficient way to inspire proper news gathering, but every news gathering and reporting "business" needs to know that there are others out there who are checking up on what is happening, and checking up on their colleagues' honesty and integrity. This is why the regulation was made, and nothing has changed to make it inapplicable today.